

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 942

By Halford

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach David Russell and the Gibson County High School girls' basketball team upon winning the 2009-2010 TSSAA Class AA State Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Gibson County High School girls basketball team is one such estimable team that recently won the 2010 TSSAA Class AA Girls Basketball State Tournament held at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, led by Coach David Russell, the Gibson County High School Lady Pioneers basketball team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2009-2010 season, emerging as back-to-back state champions; and

WHEREAS, determined to bring home the title, the Lady Pioneers prevailed over Christ Presbyterian Academy in the state quarterfinal and South Greene High School in the state semifinal; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Pioneers won a thrilling 63-60 victory over McMinn Central in the state championship, capturing the title for the second year in a row; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary team's remarkable triumph would not have been possible without the leadership of Coach David Russell, who currently has accumulated 951 wins in his exceptional career and is one of three active coaches in the State of Tennessee with more than 900 wins; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character throughout the season, the members of the Gibson County High School girls basketball team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a memorable and undefeated championship season, but also surely point toward their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of its athletic teams that have succeeded both on the court and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Coach David Russell and the Gibson County High School girls' basketball team upon winning the 2009-2010 TSSAA Class AA Girls' Basketball State Championship and wish them success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.